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## **Open Space Committee Minutes 07/06/2005**

### **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 6, 2005**

**Present:** Ann LeRoyer, Roly Chaput, Teresa DeBenedictis, Elizabeth Karpati, Patsy Kraemer, David White.

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were approved with one spelling correction.

The **next meetings** will be on Wednesdays, September 7, October 6, November 2, December 7.

**Town Day, September 17:** Patsy will “anchor” the OS booth since Ann has to be out of town that day. . . Teresa salvaged some 400 bulbs from Symmes which could be sold for maybe \$5 for a bag of 10. Staffing the booth and other details are to be settled at the September meeting.

#### **Management Plans:**

- All plans should include a checklist like the drafts for the Bikeway and McClenen Park. To be determined: make a generic checklist, or a customized one for each area?
- Each area should also have a list of priorities, and a list of what is done routinely by DPW and what else needs to be done, by a Friends group if there is one, and how often.
- Other existing detailed plans: For Menotomy Rocks Park – Ann will get it from Clarissa Rowe to circulate it. DPW checklist for playgrounds.
- Each person should review and edit his/her plan. David will send around the latest template so that all plans can be presented in a consistent format.
- The existing Open Space Plan has GIS maps for each area (except the Rt. 2 path).
- When the plans are finished, they should go to John Sanchez and Jimmy Dodge of DPW; to the Board of Selectmen; and to any Friends or similar concerned groups.

**Friends groups:** New Friends of neighborhood groups are being established for Symmes, Hill’s Hill, McClenen Park. How to work with them – invite some to our meetings, or have a meeting or training session for all of them this fall, possibly also including the land stewards. Is there a list of Friends groups?

The next **Open Space Plan** is due in the summer of 2007; work on revising the current plan needs to start this fall. We need up-to-date instructions from the state since its website shows only the 1991 guidelines.

**Symmes:** The old Nurses’ Building is to be sold for medical use and is currently being advertised by the developer. Some demolition and construction will probably start this fall. Tree loss will be minimized as much as possible and replacement trees planted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Karpati